

United States Patent and Trademark Office

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/717,534	11/20/2003	Larry W. Simnacher	1170-9	7984
John S. Egbert	590 01/18/200		EXAM	INER
Harrison & Egbe	ert		KRUER,	STEFAN
7th Floor 412 Main Street		•	ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
Houston, TX 770	002	•	3654	
			MAIL DATE	DELIVERY MODE
		•	MAIL DATE	DELIVERY MODE
			01/18/2007	PAPER

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

		Application No.	Applicant(s)				
		10/717,534	SIMNACHER, LARRY W.				
Respo	onse to Rule 312 Communication	Examiner	Art Unit				
		Stefan Kruer	3654				
The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address –							
			•				
1. ☑ The amendment filed on 21 December 2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:							
a) 🗌	entered.						
b) 🛛	entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.						
c) 🗀	c) disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee. Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.						
d) 🗌	disapproved. See explanation below.						
e) 🔲	entered in part. See explanation below.						
	GENE O. CRAWFORD SUPERVISORY PUTENT EXAMINER						
•							
			•				
			•				